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1. During the second week of January, the Hungarian Legation at Paris received notice from the Foreign Office at Budapest that the appointment of Baron Nicholas Wesselényi as permanent Press Attache at the Paris Legation was disapproved. The Hungarian Foreign Office agreed instead to the nomination of Imre Mikes, Paris correspondent for the Government newspaper Magyar Nemzet, despite the strong recommendation of Wesselényi by Pal Auer, the Hungarian Minister to France. The consideration of Mikes for this post caused a great deal of surprise since he has been constantly criticized by the Communists in Hungary for his Western sympathies. Wesselényi, who came to Paris with the Hungarian Delegation to the Peace Conference, had kept his temporary position as Press Attache on Auer's request.
2. Ferenc Honti, an anti-Horthy Hungarian living in Switzerland, has recently appeared in Paris to press for the appointment of József Szilágyi as Press Attache. Szilágyi is the Paris correspondent for Kis Újság, a Small Holders Party publication.
3. Another candidate has been a man named Gyomai who is a leader in all Paris Hungarian Communist activities as well as the editor of Magyar Szemle, the Paris journal of the Hungarian Independence Movement. Gyomai has been editor of this paper only since 11 January when the former editor, László P. Farago, was dismissed at a Paris Hungarian Communist Paris meeting. Farago's dismissal came about for allegedly allowing publication of some articles by certain non-Communist journalists such as Mikes. Nominally, the Magyar Szemle is edited by Erzsébet Görög, but the policy of the paper is controlled by Gyomai.

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